



SILVER SPRING ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2008

The Honorable Michael Knapp
Montgomery County Council President
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Knapp:

The Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment District Advisory Committee enthusiastically supports County Executive Isiah Leggett's proposals for a Zoning Text Amendment and Subdivision Regulation Amendment to facilitate the development of Arts and Entertainment Districts throughout Montgomery County. These are well-designed tools that should dramatically increase the potential of attracting major cultural assets to the County and thereby provide an expeditious path toward the development of the most sterling suburban nightlife economy in our region.

We believe that the County Executive's proposals represent a carefully considered balancing of the needs of the County's urban communities that have been designated as Arts and Entertainment Districts with the needs of property owners who are willing to make their valuable real estate assets available to the public, sooner rather than later, as required by current law, for the development of vital public use spaces.

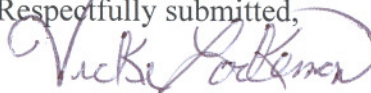
By supporting these Amendments, you can help establish Montgomery County as a premier regional destination for arts and entertainment programs and activities that will both expand our economy and enrich the cultural life of our citizens. At the same time, we also believe that failure to support these important Amendments would represent a very critical missed opportunity to underpin Montgomery County's emerging regional center for the arts, humanities and entertainment and to assist those urban areas that are most in need of economic assistance.

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For the good of the County's economic and cultural development and growth, we urge your support of the County Executive's proposals for the Zoning Text Amendment and Subdivision Regulation Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
 for Alan Friedman

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